

**PIONEER INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY CO.**

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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: AB 878.

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. ("PIRY") received Central Illinois Railroad Company's Reply to Petition to Reopen for Immediate Modification or Clarification, today. PIRY is willing to accept the assurances of CIRY that "the Municipalities will not remove that segment until CIRY's authority over that segment has been discontinued in an effective Board decision," and the "CIRY has informed the Municipalities that CIRY will initiate proceedings for discontinuance of its rail service over that segment." Based upon those representations, PIRY respectfully requests that its Petition be held in abeyance, pending the State Court proceedings referenced therein (LaSalle County Illinois Circuit Court No. 05-L-146) and CIRY's anticipated abandonment filing.

Depending upon the results of those actions, there may or may not be a need for the Board to modify or clarify its decision.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Daniel A. LaKemper

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General Counsel.

cc: All parties of Record.  
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